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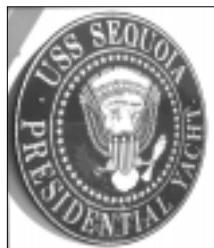
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## Presidential Yacht Sequoia Docks In S.W.



Wood paneling on the historic Sequoia, presidential yacht for 7 presidents.

## Don Quixote In Southwest!



Don Quixote's horse on the rehearsal stage in the Millennium Art Center on I St. S.W.

Opera fans have been paying big money to see Massenet's opera "Don Quixote" at the Kennedy Center. But it all started right in Southwest, D.C.

The auditorium of former Randall

School at 65 I (Eye) St. S.W.—now the Millennium Art Center—has been converted into a huge rehearsal stage for the Washington Opera. Two stage donkeys, a suit of armor—and more—made for a realistic rehearsal setting. ■

## SWNA To Discuss \$50 Million Mall Makeover

A \$50 million makeover of Waterside Mall is being discussed by mall owners Bresler and Reiner. This will be one subject of discussion at the SWNA meeting at 7:30pm Monday, Nov. 27 at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 3rd and M St. S.W.

At a meeting at 1 Judiciary Square arranged by Councilmember Jack Evans, Sidney Bresler introduced two development companies: The Kaempfer Co. and Forest

City Enterprises.

Preliminary plans are to change the name of the mall to Waterfront Mall and have retail stores on the M St. side. Offices would continue in the two towers being vacated by EPA. Mechanical systems of the mall would be completely modernized.

Another topic of the SWNA meeting will be techniques of self-defense and healthful exercise. ■

Winston Churchill, President John F. Kennedy, several U.S. Presidents and dozens of V.I.P.s have conducted business or pleasure on the famous Presidential Yacht USS Sequoia.

Now the brass and wood paneling have been restored to the original splendor and the yacht is docked at the Gangplank Marina in Southwest and available for charters. ■

## Incumbent ANC Commissioners Reelected

All four ANC Commissioners from Southwest who were on the ballot were reelected at the Nov. 7 city election.

Their totals were: Richard Westbrook—787; Andy Litsky—355 (his opponent James D. Lawhorn received 280 votes); Roger Moffatt—731; Ahmed Assalaam 284.

Write in votes in commissioner districts 2D02 and 2D03, where no one had filed to be on the ballot, were not available as The Southwester went to press. Incumbents Roxana Folescu and Toni Cassidy of those two districts did not run for reelection. ■

## Jack Evans S.W. Task Force Met



Councilmember Evans



Kasia Gzelkowski & Clark Ray

A meeting of Councilmember Jack Evans' S.W. Task Force was brought up to date on the Anacostia Waterfront Project. A contract for a team of planning consultants was scheduled to be announced as The Southwester went to press.

A Southwest Opportunity Workshop, originally scheduled for December, 2000, has been moved to the new year. The Anacostia Waterfront Initiative summit—after workshops on the various parts on each side of the river—is planned for March, 2001 and the Draft Plan is scheduled for September, 2001. ■



Uwe Brandes

Toni Griffin

Councilmember Jack Evans convened a meeting at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church and introduced a number of professional planners, who gave progress reports on the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative.

## New Benches On Waterfront, In S.W. Parks

The National Park Service has 6,000 park benches in D.C., including more than two dozen new ones in Southwest.

Splintering timber eyesores are gone. Standard cast iron with wooden seats are dressing up the park with fountains at 6th and I (Eye) St. S.W. and the park at 4th & I S.W.

On the waterfront a new row of cast iron benches with arm rests in the center and on the sides make a neat appearance on the lower promenade. ■



Benches with armrests on lower promenade in front of waterfront restaurants.



New benches by pond in a park at 6th & I SW.

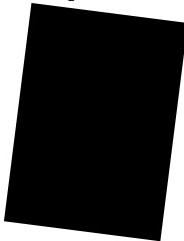
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## Southwest Community Calendar

November-December

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| Nov. 27 | <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Mtg.</b> , 7pm<br>St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 M St. S.W.                             |
| Nov. 29 | <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>SW Collaborative Meeting</b> , Noon<br>St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 M St. S.W.  |
| Nov. 30 | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Amidon Elementary School PTA Mtg.</b> , 6pm<br>Amidon School, 401 "I" Street SW   |
| Dec. 2  | <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Komen Toastmasters Club</b> , 10am<br>Southwest Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place SW   |
| Dec. 2  | <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>PSA 110 Walkathon</b> , 10am, 240 M St. SW  |
| Dec. 4  | <b>Monday</b>    | <b>SWNA Board Meeting</b> , 7 pm<br>SWNA Office, Waterside Mall, 401 M St. S.W   |
| Dec. 5  | <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>First District MPD Citizens Advisory Council</b> , 7:00pm<br>DCPD, 415 Fourth St., SW Community Room                        |
| Dec. 6  | <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>SWNA Waterside Mall-Waterfront Task Force</b> , 7pm<br>SWNA Office, Waterside Mall, 401 M St. S.W.                          |
| Dec. 11 | <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D</b> ,<br>7:00 pm Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4th and I St.                         |
| Dec. 13 | <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Fil-Am Toastmasters Club</b> , 6:45pm<br>Southwest Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place,SW                                      |
| Dec. 16 | <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Komen Toastmasters Club</b> , 10am<br>Southwest Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place SW   |
| Dec. 20 | <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>AARP SW Waterfront Chapter #4751</b> , 11:30am<br>Pier 7 Restaurant, 650 Water Street SW                                    |
| Dec. 21 | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Police Partnership with Community Workshop</b> 7pm<br>River Park Mutual Homes, 1301 Delaware Ave., SW<br>South Commons Room |
| Dec. 25 | <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Christmas – No School or Work!!</b>   |
| Dec. 27 | <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Fil-Am Toastmasters Club</b> , 6:45pm<br>Southwest Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place,SW                                      |

*Please submit calendar items for the next issue by Wed. Dec. 6 to C.W. Hargrave  
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## Halloween On L St. S.W.

Moon bounce, whirly ride, music and costumes marked Halloween on L St. S.W.



## Rep. Norton Calls Meeting On Democracy

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton is holding a city-wide Town Hall Meeting on full democracy for the District of Columbia on Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in Room 2167 Rayburn House Office Bldg., So. Capitol St. & Independence Ave. S.W.

Her announcement states, "Come hear city leaders' proposals and bring your own ideas and suggestions." There will be refreshments.

For information call the Congresswoman's office, 225-8050. ■

## Parade of Lighted Boats On Waterfront

Dozens of lighted boats will parade from the Harbor Patrol pier up the channel on the S.W. waterfront Saturday Dec. 2 starting at 6:30pm and led by the D.C. Fireboat with Santa Clause aboard.

Prizes for the best-decorated vessels include cash awards from the Washington Waterfront Association and dinners and event tickets contributed by members and friends.

The Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association joins the WWA this year. For information call Barbara Ehrlich, 554-2487. ■

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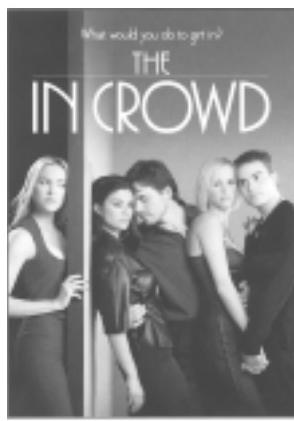
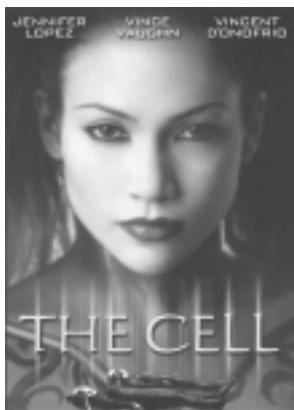
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Other parties included the one in the picture at the end at LaRue Before-and-After School. ■

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## School Board Candidates Quizzed In SW

**S**chool Board candidates on the ballot in Southwest were invited to speak at the Oct. meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. For two hours the candidates stated their positions responded to questions from the audience. ■



Board Member-Elect Julie Mikuta



New Board Chair Peggy Cooper Cafritz.



*Speaking at the candidates' forum is Julie Mikuta, who ended up the winner in District One (Ward 1 plus Ward 2). At the speakers' table are candidates for the School Board president: (Left to right) Larry Gray, Robert Childs (behind) Peggy Cooper Cafritz. Moderating the meeting is SWNA President Rev. George Holmes, at the podium.*



*At a luncheon of the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations Rev. George E. Holmes, standing left, pronounced the benediction; Dale MacIver, standing, was an honoree. Also attending the luncheon were, seated left to right, Assembly officers Jean Macdonald and Margaret Feldman, and Southwest staff members Resial Baybay Shannon and Rodney Horns.*

### Southwest Honored At Luncheon

The annual awards luncheon for the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations honored the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly by the head table appearance of Assembly President Rev. George E. Holmes to give the benediction, and the

listing of Dale MacIver as a "Grass Roots Honoree" for the neighborhood.

A similar organization of neighborhood groups—the D.C. Federation of Citizens Associations—has as its treasurer Marc Weiss, former SWNA president. ■

## Millennium Art Center To Teach Wood Turning

Several months from now the Millennium Art Center at 65 I (Eye) St. S.W. will have a number of wood lathes for instruction in wood turning. The Capital Area Woodturners has started a series of monthly demonstrations by experts from around the country and will be involved in the project. ■



*David Ellsworth of Pennsylvania demonstrates shaping a bowl from a piece of wood at a meeting of the Capital Area Woodturners at the Millennium Art Center.*

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Barbecued ribs and chicken were again a feature of the annual yard sale and flea market at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church at 6th and Maine Ave. S.W.

Books, African figures, art, baked goods and sports and household equipment were among the treasures at more than a dozen stands. ■

### St. Matthews Rummage Sale

Everything from bakery to sporting equipment to books to clothing and more will be on sale at the rummage sale at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3rd and M St. S.W. Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 am to 2 pm. ■



*View of the St. Augustine's Episcopal Church flea market at 6th and Maine Ave. S.W.*



### Christmas Chamber Music Wed. Dec. 20

Mozart's Exultate, Jubilate, Bach's Christmas air Grosse Herr, a mandolin ensemble and Christmas carols are on the program of a Christmas gala concert by the S.W. Chamber Music Players at 7:30 pm Wed. Dec. 20 at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Maine Ave. and 6th St. S.W.

The regular monthly concert is free, although donations are requested. Young cellists, aged 8-12, will play familiar carols.

For performers for this and past concerts, visit the group's website [www.listen.to/Southwest](http://www.listen.to/Southwest) or call David Ehrlich 484-6354. ■

### Randall Shelter Emphasizes Rehabilitation

By Rev. John Talbot

Professional staff specializing in rehabilitation and job preparation and placement have been added to the Randall Men's Shelter at Half and I (Eye) St. S.W.

Only a third of the beds in the shelter are now emergency beds for men who will take all their belongings with them when they leave the shelter in the morning.

Hot meals each evening are provided by D.C. Central Kitchen to any homeless person, many of whom do not stay at the shelter.

Two thirds of the beds at the shelter are for clients who are in the rehabilitation program or on the waiting list. They can leave their belongings at the shelter during the day.

Until a year or so ago, the shelter's primary mission was to provide an emergency bed and shelter for any homeless man who came to the shelter before 7 pm. Catholic Charities contracted with the city to provide this service. At 7 am each morning, the shelter had to be cleared of all its clients, and the men were

required to take all their belongings with them when they left. During the day the facility remained empty. Freezing temperatures were the single exception to the rule. If there was the possibility of frostbite or hypothermia, the men could remain in the shelter during the time of danger.

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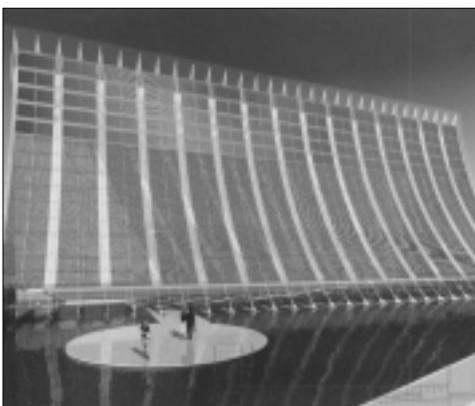
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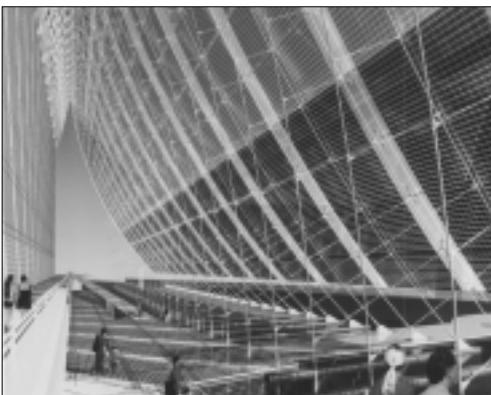


*River Park Friends, Inc., president Coralea Farlee talks with Southwest youth who have benefited from grants given by the Friends. Viking football players are (left to right) Rodney Lawrence, Antonio Bird and Nelson Long. MPB&G Club #4 director Alvin Hudgens is with the boys.*

Help from River Park Friends, Inc., makes it possible for many S.W. youth to take part in after school sports. The cost of individual registration fees and uniforms would limit the number of youth that S.W.'s Club #4 Metropolitan Police Boys & Girls Clubs could enroll.



*An artists drawing of the sun wall if it is built on the south side of the U.S. Dept. of Energy Headquarters, The Forrestal Bldg.*



*How the sun wall will look from the back side.*

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The winning design in an international competition is shown on this page. It is called "Solar Net." A check for \$20,000 was presented to Martin Wolf of a Chicago firm of architects. Others collaborated in the winning design. A tie for second place and a student winner were announced.

If the design is installed—with federal and private funds—it will be the largest solar energy system on any Federal building in the United States.

As with other designs for construction in the national capital, approval will have to be given by the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) and The Commission of Fine Arts (CFA). ■

## Memories of Old Southwest



The 1925 graduation class at St. Dominic's Catholic School in S.W.

"Here is the picture of my mother [Margaret Bridget Lynagh Ardeeser's] graduation from St. Dominic's School in 1925 [formerly at 6th and F St. S.W. before being torn down to make room for the Southwest Freeway]. She is in the next to the last row—the one with a chubby face..."

So writes Agnes C. Ardeeser Hill of McLean, VA, in a recent letter to the S.W. History Task Force.

"My mother was born at 2nd & E St., S.W. in 1911...and her brother [James Francis Lynagh]...was born there in 1910." Her parents ran a store at 3rd & M St. S.W. and they lived above it, she reports.

"My grandmother was Elizabeth Nora O'Neill Lynagh born in County Kerry, Ireland; she met her husband in Washington and his name was John Luke Lynagh and he was from the City of Cork."

"I remember going to SW to see Dr. Colvin or Dr. Williams, our dentists. We

would go down on the 7th St. streetcar."

(Ed. Note. This brief excerpt is an example of SW history items The Southwester would like to print. The original letter and photo stays in the archives of the SW History Task Force). ■

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